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TEN YEARS

On Friday evening, December 1, a great group of friends met for dinner at the First Congregational Methodist Temple in San Francisco to honor Dr. Harley H. Gill, who has just completed ten years as Conference Superintendent. The affair was conceived and carried through in generous and capable fashion by Dr. Jason Noble Pierce. A few more than three hundred attended the dinner, besides the forty young people from our San Francisco churches who served the tables. These 340 people came from churches around the Bay and from as far as Stockton, Sacramento, and Fresno.

I saw many folks whom I did not recognize as regular attendants at Congregational functions. Inquiry revealed that many of them were from the Methodist halves of our three federated churches in San Francisco.

Incidental music was played by a trio who help regularly with services and programs at First Church. The choir of Calvary Church sang two selections, an Armenian anthem and a hymn, "Loyalty to Christ."

Dr. Pierce, as toastmaster, read a congratulatory telegram from Douglas Horton, minister of the General Council, and letters from Dr. O. W. S. McCall of Chicago, Superintendent E. D. Gaylord of southern California, and Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Pasadena.

One may well wonder on what basis Dr. Pierce could select from that large group a few who would be allowed to speak. I could see some scores of ministers with speeches just exuding from them, with good stories and anecdotes which they were itching to tell. If they all feel like I would have felt had I not been given a chance, we shall be under compulsion to get up another dinner. Dr. Pierce devised a plausible plan of selection, and called first on Dr. Gill's brother, Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento, then on the pastors of the churches of which Dr. Gill was once the pastor, the pastors—past and present—of the church of which he is now a member, the Conference moderator, the only woman present who has been moderator, the president of the Women's Federation, the president of the Pacific School of Religion, of which Dr. Gill is an alumnus and a trustee, and then there were two or three who didn't fit into any of these categories who were invited to slip in under the rope. To save time, speakers were introduced in batches. Those honored were: R. C. Day, Noel J. Breed, Torrance Phelps, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Pierson Parker, T. T. Giffen, Robert Inglis, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Clarence Reidenbach, Norman B. Henderson, A. C. McGiffert. These all bore cheerful and earnest testimony to the grand way in which Dr. Gill has during the ten most difficult years in modern church history held our churches together and inspired them to go forward. They said he was a tremendous worker, a strong administrator, a wise personal counselor, a great builder of programs, a man of solid convictions and sound judgment and earnest religious faith. In fact, they said everything about him that can be said about any good, strong, honest man. They even said he is the best state superintendent in the country, and made us believe it.

When the speeches were done, the toastmaster asked Mrs. C. T. Tinker to

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PILGRIM YOUTH IN CONFERENCE

A most worthwhile and enjoyable Pilgrim Fellowship Conference will be held at San Mateo (First Congregational Church) December 27, 28 and 29. Church is located at San Mateo Drive and Tilton Avenue.

It is anticipated that 150 young people of High School, College and also Young Adult Age will be present from the Congregational Churches of Northern California.

Overnight entertainment will be provided for those living at a distance, and meals will be served at the Church. The cost, $2.00, is very nominal and includes registration fee, meals, and also program with an exceptionally strong corps of speakers and leaders.

The fellowship with recreational periods under the leadership of Mr. Lawton Harris will give plenty of relaxation and inspiration. There will not be a dull moment.

The director of the Conference is Rev. Elmer Benedict of Pittsburg.

The Conference theme is: "THE BIBLE: LIGHT FOR OUR TIMES."

And here is the program:

WEDNESDAY P. M.		
3:00-6:00	Registration	Rev. Edwin T. Sherman
6:15	Dinner and Introductions	Miss Mary Fulmer, Pres.
7:30-7:45	Devotional Service	Redwood City P. F.
7:45	"The Bible: Light of Our Times"	Dr. Vere V. Loper
8:30	Recreation	Mr. Lawton Harris
THURSDAY A. M.		
9:00	Devotional Service	Stockton Delegates
9:15- 9:45	"What the Conflict in the Orient Means to Us"	Rev. S. C. Peabody
9:45-10:00	Recess	
10:00-10:55	Discussion Groups:	
	1. Gospel of Mark	Rev. W. R. Steininger
	2. Old Testament Prophets	Rev. Gail Cleland
	3. The Psalms	Rev. Godfrey Matthews
	4. Sermon on the Mount.	Rev. G. "Art" Casady
	5. Old Testament as History	Rev. C. Reidenbach
11:05-12:00	Discussion Groups as above	
THURSDAY P. M.		
1:30- 2:20	Discussion Groups as above	
2:30- 3:15	Business Meeting	Miss Mary Fulmer, Pres.
3:25- 4:20	Discussion Groups as above	
6:00	Banquet	
	Address: "The Bible: How Not to Use It"	Rev. Jason N. Pierce
8:00- 9:45	Recreation	Mr. Lawton Harris
9:45-10:00	Devotional Service	First Berkeley Y. P.
FRIDAY A. M.		
9:00- 9:15	Song Service	
9:15-10:00 and 10:05-11:00	Discussion Groups as above	
11:15	Communion Service	Rev. Verdette Walters

Registration closses December 21. This is necessary so that the ladies of the San Mateo Church may have ample time to secure adequate number of homes for entertaining the delegates and purchase food supplies for meals.

Registration blanks may be secured from local pastors. They should be filled out and mailed not later than December 21 to Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Send no money but pay at San Mateo.

FOR USE IN FAMILY DEVOTIONS

THE PACIFIC *is publishing these prayers at the request of the State Conference in the hope that pastors will get them into the hands of their people for daily use.*

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Father, we thank Thee for these gifts
Which Thy providing love proclaim.
We ask Thy blessing on their use
That we may glorify Thy name.
—Amen.

A PRAYER—

FOR A QUIET MIND

Ever Blessed God, Whose word is, "Peace, peace to him that is afar off and to him that is near," fulfill Thy promise to us Thy servants. Rescue us from the misery of groundless fears and restless anxieties. Take us more and more out of ourselves, that duty may be no more a drudgery but a delight. Lead us into the secret of Thy peace which quiets every misgiving and fills the heart with joy and confidence. Save us from the shame and emptiness of a hurried life. Help us to possess our souls in patience. Amid the storms and stress of life, let us hear a deeper voice assuring us that Thou livest and that all is well. Strengthen us to do our daily task in quietness and confidence, fearing no tomorrow, nor the evil that it brings, for Thou art with us. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

—*From The Inter-Church Hymnal.*

Churches and pastors will be eager to secure the services of Mr. Frank McCulloch, industrial secretary of the Council for Social Action, who is in residence during the quarter at the Pacific School of Religion but who will be available for addresses, forums, and study groups on social problems. He can be reached at Pacific School of Religion.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Frank J. Scribner of Oklahoma City, who has become the secretary of the Ministerial Relief and Annuity Funds.

LAYMEN RETREAT

If written comments handed in at the close of each laymen's retreat are any indication of their value, these retreats have proved to be the most significant meetings ever held in northern California for Congregational laymen, and one of the most valuable enterprises ever launched by the Conference.

The attendance was not large; in fact, in two instances it was disappointingly small, but even in those where the fewest number were in attendance, every minute of every hour was filled with discussion. Of the entire number present at all five meetings there were only three individuals that expressed any doubt as to their value, although the men were urged to criticize freely and honestly, and many very helpful suggestions for the future were received.

It would have been a revelation to pastors to see and hear their laymen lead in prayer and to open up their own inner religious lives. It would have greatly encouraged pastors to have seen the way in which problems of the local church were tackled and the avidity with which new ideas were seized upon.

It was a matter of great interest to the team members that the subject that seemed to interest men the most was the real significance of church membership, and in anoher column of THE PACIFIC is set forth the findings adopted by one retreat and heartily approved by a second one, and heard with great interest by two others.

Social action, missions, church finance, young people's work, Sunday School methods, church attendance, and the Program of Progress were all included.

A total of twenty-nine churches were represented at one or another. Another year that number should easily be doubled.

The team of leaders was headed by Mr. C. T. Tinker, the chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship Committee, who presided and guided the discussions in a most helpful, pleasing, and understanding manner. Prof. John C. Bennett of the Pacific School of Religion, Field Secretary Sherman, and Superintendent Gill gave the benefit of their thinking and their experience, not in the form of addresses but in response to questions. Numerous pieces of literature, covering methods of church work and outlines of personal devotion, were carried home by the men attending.

The hotels in which the sessions were held gave splendid accommodations and fine cooperation, and should be mentioned with gratitude, namely, Lokoya Lodge, Hotel Marysville, Byron Hot Springs, Hotel Tulare, and Saratoga Inn.

PRESIDENT TO BE INAUGURATED

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr. is to be inaugurated as the president of the Pacific School of Religion Monday evening, February 19, in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. President Albert W. Palmer of Chicago will give the inaugural address. Distinguished educational and religious leaders will be present and participate. Pastors and representatives from churches are invited. The Pastoral Conference will open the morning following and will continue for three days. Announcement of the program will appear in the January issue.

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1940 HAND BOOK

Pastors will take note that this year's issue of The Hand Book has been newly rewritten to make it even more useful in family worship and in behalf of religion in the home. *The Commission recommends that The Hand Book be placed in every home in the parish.*

A YEAR'S GUIDE FOR THE READING OF THE BIBLE—Pages 5-13

Prepared by our own Dr. Miles B. Fisher. Read his Introduction on Page 5. Secure copies for your people and encourage them to follow these daily readings through the year.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS FOR 1940—Pages 16-18

Prepared by Dr. W. E. Gilroy on the theme: "War and Peace in The Bible." A timely theme to follow in your midweek meetings. Note the form of service for a prayer meeting on Pages 18-19, with suggestions for directed silent prayer. Plan to use it in your meetings.

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES—Pages 20-23

Your young people will like to have both the Christian Life Topics and the Christian Endeavor Topics for the year in this handy booklet.

FOR THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY Pages 30-31

Suggestions for planning a program and material available for their use.

RELIGION IN THE HOME Pages 24-29

Articles of equal interest to parents and young people on home influence and the abiding values of family worship and religious training in the home.

Orders are coming in rapidly and the supply bids fair to be exhausted at an early date. The price is 3 cents each, and the books may be secured from the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Garabed M. Manavian

Garabed M. Manavian was born February 28, 1866, in Egin, Turkey, on the bank of the River Euphrates. He was the fifth of seven sons in the family. He was a graduate of Armenia College, later called Euphrates College, following which he taught in two schools in the Near East, but came to America in 1890 and was graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1893. The massacres of Armenians prevented his return to the homeland, but he helped organize relief work in America.

In 1900 he was married to Gracie M. Parkhurst, who survives him. One daughter, Armorel, was born to this union. He served as pastor in Nunica, Michigan; Key Stone and Spring alley, Wisconsin; Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois, and in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1919 he was called to the church at Fowler, California, where he remained twelve years, and for a time served as executive of the Armenian Evangelical Union. Ill health compelled his resignation, and he was in retirement the last eight years. He passed away on November 13, twenty minutes after a stroke. Mr. Manavian was a man of kindly disposition and deep spiritual insight. He was one of God's elect.

BETTER!

Better! November receipts were ahead of the same month in 1938, and as a result we caught up the shortage of a month ago and $100 besides. January 10 is again the deadline for the apportionment year. We are still behind in receipts from the churches by about $400. The extraordinarily large sum given by individuals last March at the close of the fiscal year is the thing that brings the total for the eleven months above that of 1938. We will need to expend every effort in the next five weeks to catch up that $400 and to equal December, 1938, receipts. And besides, has not the time come for us to make a substantial advance?

	Nov. 1939	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 '39	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 38
Adin	$	$ 40.10	$ 26.86
Alameda	300.00	513.15	631.09
Alturas		28.30	33.63
Angels Camp	25.00	120.75	82.50
Antioch		15.00	15.00
Auburn		60.00	71.98
Benicia			5.00
Berkeley, First	888.29	4628.16	3933.17
Kensington	10.00	10.00	10.00
North	38.89	413.24	413.84
Park		48.69	51.79
Campbell		112.00	179.95
Cloverdale	23.41	89.10	47.85
Cotati	12.00	33.50	63.23
Crockett		57.48	12.21
Eureka		310.59	323.02
Fairfax		12.50	10.00
Ferndale		184.51	168.35
Fowler			18.00
Fresno, First		579.89	775.64
Pilgrim	50.00	157.50	160.00
Zion	50.00	50.00	32.85
Glen Ellen		10.00	
Guerneville		9.00	10.25
Hayfork		3.00	
Hayward		50.00	100.00
Kenwood			33.61
Lodi, First	424.00	1079.50	850.00
Loomis		12.98	21.00
Martinez	11.64	213.56	306.00
Murphys		60.00	60.00
Niles		5.00	1.70
Oakland, First		3533.48	4986.80
Fruitvale		33.00	24.00
Japanese			5.00
Pilgrim	17.00	43.00	34.50
Plymouth	74.36	705.69	683.62
Oroville	21.84	46.44	20.00
Pacific Grove	57.91	249.13	233.06
Palo Alto	300.00	1546.63	1800.00
Paradise	100.00	205.90	150.00
Penngrove		15.74	20.01
Pescadero			5.00
Petaluma		436.11	536.21
Pittsburg	30.44	187.69	112.61
Port Chicago		6.00	
Porterville	5.00	197.50	100.00
Redwood City	194.32	657.25	403.39
Rio Vista		90.00	90.00
Ripon	42.02	194.52	118.11
Sacramento	181.46	737.67	665.60
Salida	31.40	31.40	
San Carlos		66.88	66.32
San Francisco			
Beth. Msn. Park	49.50	213.71	484.83
Calvary		20.00	
First	92.92	1358.67	1365.27
Ocean View		33.89	15.00
Richmond	80.00	80.00	105.50
San Jose	55.00	650.00	567.00
San Leandro	37.65	87.70	75.71
San Lorenzo		10.00	
San Mateo		498.60	87.50
San Rafael		15.00	20.00
Santa Cruz	125.00	696.10	680.00
Santa Rosa	26.51	161.89	135.60
Saratoga		331.33	393.14
Sebastopol		176.91	153.20
Sonoma		87.35	96.29
Soquel		75.00	92.00
Stockton	57.00	528.04	518.53
Suisun		35.40	37.00
Sunnyvale		6.54	
Suol		6.54	
Tulare	102.00	406.00	350.00
Weaverville	3.00	104.29	109.60
Woodside			20.00
Reno, Nevada		343.29	379.85
Misc. and Ind.	60.00	1816.10	1321.43
Totals	$3,577.56	$25,647.34	$25,519.70

LODI. The kitchen of the church has been greatly improved, with new tables and cupboards and other modern equipment, all beautifully painted. A new gas furnace for Plymouth Hall has been installed. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

ADIN. Under the leadership of Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the exterior of the parsonage was greatly improved several years ago, and now the interior has been completely redecorated.

Meaning of Church Membership

Findings adopted at the Laymen's Retreat at Byron Hot Springs, November 4 and 5:

It is our sincere belief that church membership should be made more serious and significant. In the preaching and teaching in the church and in our training of children in the home there should be greater emphasis on individual responsibility.

We believe that public acceptance of church membership should be preceded by thoroughgoing preparation, such as a pastor's class, a week-end retreat, or groups including prospective members and the most able and spiritually-minded people of our churches meeting for discussion and prayer.

We look with interest upon the plan of having a junior membership for children and adolescents, which shall automatically terminate at a given age (say 20), and a senior membership to which the young person may transfer after thoroughgoing preparation, such senior membership to be undertaken sometime between 17 and 20.

We believe the invitation to church membership should be as broad as Jesus' invitation to all men, but that we should frankly tell people that Jesus' way of life is not an easy path and that it involves heavy but joyous responsibilities.

It is our judgment that we as church men have failed to arrange and assign definite tasks for our new members, within the church and outside of it, and we are determined to correct this oversight. We would not forget that the highest service which can be rendered to the church and our Master is in our everyday human endeavor.

The Laymen's Retreat held at Marysville heartily endorsed the above findings, but went further and urged careful instruction on the obligations of church membership and the Covenant as found in Burton's Manual. In addition, they went on record regarding young people's work and the Program of Progress.

We find that the Pilgrim Fellowship was organized by the Congregational denomination to meet the needs of all young people in the church, whether they are organized as Christian Endeavor, Forum, College of Life, or under any other name, and to provide a common bond for our young people's groups. We learn with interest that the summer conferences have attracted between 400 and 500 young people for intensive instruction in leadership and inspiration for Christian work and living. We would remind our churches that they cannot prosper without doing effective work with young people, and we heartily endorse and commend to our churches the summer conferences, the Pilgrim Fellowship, and the organized Young Adult groups.

We are intensely interested to learn that the Religious Education Committee of the Conference is sponsoring the Program of Progress for the churches and is ready to assist them in this forward movement with printed materials and personal assistance. We commend this program to our churches for their earnest consideration and adoption, particularly Points 1, 4, 5, 6, and 11, for the current church year.

YOUTH RALLIES

Pilgrim Fellowship has been very active in holding district rallies. East Bay met on November 24 and elected new officers.

San Joaquin District met in rally at Porterville on Saturday, November 18. 101 young people registered, including 14 from Tulare, 25 from Fresno Pilgrim, 11 from Fresno First, and 51 from Porterville. A turkey banquet was served, and the evening spent in recreation.

Upper Bay young people had a fine rally at Rio Vista in October, with about 100 present. New officers were elected. Petaluma entertained the Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship, when 75 were present and officers were elected.

The largest district rally ever held in the West Bay was at Redwood City on October 20, with 160 listening to Dr. Douglas Horton, Secretary of the General Council.

Central California young people held two rallies, one at Sacramento with Dr. Torrance Phelps as speaker, and another at Salida with Professor John C. Bennett of the Pacific School of Religion giving the address.

HOLIDAYS AT HOME

Families who would like to celebrate Christmas and New Year's Day with a religious emphasis will want to secure in advance a few copies of some little leaflets that are published by the Commission on Evangelism.

The one entitled "Christmas in the Home," which can be secured at 5 cents a copy, will help to create the right atmosphere for the day and do much to help children realize its significance.

The leaflet for New Year's Day can be used as a liturgy as the family sits down to the dinner table, or gathers before the fireplace and thinks about the new year with the opportunities that it will bring. Manuscript was written by Superintendent Gill and was published by the Commission on Evangelism. It may be secured at 1 cent per capy. Orders can be sent to the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, for both of these publications.

Trustee Visitation

The task of visiting the trustees of local churches, undertaken by the field secretary and the superintendent, is tapering off. Nearly sixty churches have been visited and a full evening used in each one to tell the story of what our fellowship of churches is doing through the Conference and the Missionary Boards. In practically every meeting some layman has expressed the opinion, which has been endorsed by those present, that never before did he realize what missionary money was really doing, that he had had an indifferent and even a critical attitude but that in the future he was going to support this enterprise.

HAYWARD. The men of the church gave the women something to think about when they participated in the annual bazaar, putting on sale small articles of furniture and metal work, the result of their handicraft. These articles sold like the proverbial "hot cakes" and $100 was realized. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

BENICIA... There is hope that an attractive, changeable letter, bulletin board can be installed. The church building has had a new roof, at a cost of over $300. Mr. Arthur R. Flick, the minister, is making special preparation for the observance of Christmas.

SEBASTOPOL. For the sixth consecutive year Sebastopol C. E. won the "Pre-Reg" in a Sonoma County-wide contest, bringing another silver cup for keeps. No wonder Rev. George E. Atkinson is a proud pastor.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland has given two Forum addresses on Sunday evenings on "The World Today," the first interpreting events outside of our own country, and the second on "What Is Happening in America."

FAIRFAX. Rev. Charles L. Mears preached and conducted communion service at San Quentin Prison the first Sunday in December. A new roof on the Fairfax church has been completed, and plans are under way to paint the building.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SANTA ROSA. Four times during the autumn the Sunday School has broken its record in attendance, and this without contest, prizes, or special attractions. The attendance is due to a splendid set of teachers, and to the use of fine workbooks and quarterlies. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, new members were received. A special thank offering was taken, and following the morning service, dinner was served. With volunteer labor, a new classroom and stage has been built. Representatives of farmers, organized labor, relief administration, cooperatives, the youth church, and the peace movement, are cooperating in writing an article for the *Social Action Magazine* on what a small church may do for social gains. Mrs. Susan B. Olson, a charter member of the church, greatly loved and respected, passed away in her 96th year. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

TULARE. Founded in 1874, the pioneer church of the community, Tulare Church, celebrated its 65th birthday with enthusiastic services on November 26 and anniversary banquet on November 28. The dinner tables were decorated with arrangements of fruit in numerous choice dishes of bygone years. Greetings were read from many absent friends. An anniversary hymn, written by the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, was sung on both occasions. As a birthday project the church has been completely re-roofed, the members having contributed generously to purchase "The New Birthday Hat."

RENO, NEVADA. This church has had two of our Congregational leaders during the past month: President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., of Pacific School preached and met with different groups in the church. Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman was able to present the cause of Congregational benevolences to twenty-five men of the parish at a dinner meeting. The gathering included the church officers and a number of new members. The church was represented by three laymen at the Marysville Retreat. Rev. William Moll Case is pastor.

SUNNYVALE. This church has unanimously called Rev. J. K. Ballou of Alturas as pastor, and he will begin work shortly after the middle of December. Mr. Ballou has been pastor in Alturas for more than four years, and Sunnyvale is happy in the prospect of his carrying forward the work in that city with great success. Rev. C. G. Marshall, the former pastor, has sailed to make his home with his son in Hawaii.

RIO VISTA. The use of the "terrace plan" for increasing church attendance has resulted in a 76 per cent gain in November over that of October. Activity on the part of the Pilgrim Fellowship is chiefly responsible for the increase. Local officials of government joined the congregation in a suitable recognition of Thanksgiving Day on the morning of the 23rd. Rev. Victor Morgan is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A friend of the church has presented a carpet for the platform, and the women's group has given four framed Biblical pictures to be hung in the chapel room. Seventy-eight people attended the Thanksgiving Sunday service. Dr. Bing C. Wong is acting pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Under the new plan of financing, this church has met its semi-annual obligation to the Church Building Society and has pledges in hand for the next payment. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. A friendly visitation, without financial emphasis, is being conducted among the entire membership by individual callers. Its main purpose is good-fellowship, but an effort has been made to promote a school of music for the training of children and young people. The Church School provided material for Thanksgiving dinner for several needy families. Clothing for migrants has been solicited by the women of the church.

On the first Sunday evening of December the Department of Music of the San Francisco State College presented its sixth annual Christmas concert, which included the "Cantata Veni Emanuel" by Raymond L. White. Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. J. N. Pierce are pastors.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert Inglis has introduced a period of religious fellowship for a half-hour in advance of the meeting of the Church Council. At each session of the Council, he and other members of the staff absent themselves near the close in order that each meeting may have an executive session without embarrassment. Fifteen new members were received at the November communion service. Nineteen babies were in attendance at the Well Baby Clinic on a single day. It is expected that the School of Christian living, which concluded a successful term of eight weeks, will again open on April 2.

REDWOOD CITY. The Fellowship of Youth was host at a rally for the West Bay young people, with a record attendance of 168. The staff of deacons has been enlarged to 12, in order to make calls on the membership in rotation, thereby strengthening friendly and spiritual ties with the church. At a deacon's dinner for men, Mr. John Bunn, Dean of Men at Stanford, was speaker. The annual luncheon of the Women's Guild was well attended. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

EUREKA. The women's society featured a play at the Thank Offering Service. For two weeks prior to Thanksgiving, the church bells of the city were rung each day at 12:15, calling the people of the community for a few moments of silent prayer in behalf of the rulers of the world and in the interest of world peace. The morning services conducted by Rev. Charles H. Hudson, the pastor, are being broadcast.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Director Dan Wilson is arranging for white gifts to be prepared by the children for migrant workers. Mr. Wilson has been selected as the representative of the student body at Pacific School of Religion to the Student Movement Conference to be held in the East during Christmas holidays.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The calendar of the church carries an increasing number of announcements of meetings: from one to four are scheduled almost every day of the week, and several on Sundays. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, believes in having some worthwhile organized opportunity for the service of every member of the church.

PITTSBURG. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, has been in a San Francisco hospital recovering from a surgical operation, but is expected to be back at active work by the middle of December. During his absence, Mrs. Benedict occupied the pulpit.

BERKELEY, PARK. A house to house survey of 32 square blocks has been completed by Rev. Thomas E. Watt, the pastor, to discover the possible constituency of the church. 425 calls produced 312 contacts. Of these there were 96 colored families, 36 Catholic, 16 Christian Scientist, 14 Lutheran, 12 Seventh Day Adventist, 6 Orientals, and other religious groups included 24. Out of the remaining 98, 28 gave promise of a response to a follow-up invitation for church, Sunday School, or young people's work. A remarkable fact came out of the canvass, viz.: that of the 312 homes, only 8 children were not in some sort of training in religious education. Three of those 8 have come into the Park Sunday School, and 2 others have promised to attend.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The young people of Angels Camp entertained the Pilgrim Fellowship group from Murphys on Hallowe'en, and a number of the young people assisted in the Thanksgiving music at both churches. Thanksgiving Sunday brought out one of the largest congregations in the recent history of the Angels Camp Church. Improvements in the hall continue to be made. A new oil heater has been installed in the church, and the cash is on hand to pay for it. More than two-thirds of the Murphys Pilgrim Fellowship group are boys. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, has been encouraged by promised cooperation in the establishing of a Sunday School at White Pine Mill.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Congregations have steadily gained since the coming of Rev. Vere V. Loper as pastor. People are saying that his sermons are among the most helpful ever heard in the church. Fritz Kunkel is giving a series of addresses at the morning session of the College of Life, on "The Origin of Fear." The debt on the building, which was entirely covered by pledges, is rapidly being wiped out. An evening radio service over KRE is presented by the church at 7:15 each Sunday.

RIPON. The high school chorus gave an evening of Thanksgiving music in the church. Loyalty Sunday on the first Sunday of December is being observed, at which time it is hoped the entire budget will be covered. A number of needed improvements in the building have been made. Rev. Robert Bentley, the minister, has concluded his "Preaching Mission for Practising Christianity."

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. This church was happy in entertaining Mr. and Mrs. D. Getchell, missionaries in Turkey and Greece: at the Thanksgiving Sunday service Mrs. Getchell spoke in Armenian and Mr. Getchell in English. Mr. Getchell had been the teacher of the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian, in Anatolia College, Turkey.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Seven new members were received into the church the first Sunday in November. The Fall Festival, which has come to be an outstanding event in the life of the church and which contributes substantially to its financial support, was a great success, with a net income of $806.

SONOMA. The Ladies' Aid held their annual bazaar on November 15. The evening entertainment was presented in the high school auditorium by the newly-organized Sonoma Chorus, and was an artistic and financial success. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. This church entertained the San Joaquin Valley Pilgrim Fellowship, which is reported in another column. The annual Harvest Home Dinner filled the social hall to capacity, with more than 180 in attendance. Since the previous similar occasion, 52 members have been received, and building indebtedness has been reduced by $1,825. The appearance of the parsonage has been transformed by the removal of old bushes and vines and the planting of new, colorful shrubs and trees. Each year Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, asks his people to vote their preference as to his sermons for the previous year. In the fourth consecutive poll, a sermon on prayer has been selected among the four that have been most helpful, and this year it took the lead.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. During November the church celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. James B. Orr. With the exception of five years, his entire ministry has been in California, including pastorates at Benicia, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Seattle, and Oakland. At the anniversary dinner President Arthur Cushman McGiffert was the speaker, and at the anniversary service the preacher was Superintendent Gill. Twenty-eight persons were received into fellowship of the church. A large congregation was present, and an offering of more than $100 was received. THE PACIFIC joins the Fruitvale Church in extending sincere congratulations to Mr. Orr and a sense of pride in his fruitful ministry.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The sanctuary has been completely redecorated by volunteered work, and presents a very attractive appearance. A new bulletin board is soon to be placed in front of the church. Sunday School attendance is on the increase. Three large cartons of food were packed and given to families as a result of Thanksgiving offering of church and school. Mr. Byron Eshelman, student at Pacific School of Religion, is serving as pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. This church is coming up to the end of the year with a much smaller deficit than for several years past and has plans for completely covering it. At the annual roll-call supper fitting recognition was given to members who had passed on during the year, as well as hearing from those who are living. Under the leadership of Rev. Elwood B. Hunter there has been marked gain in all departments of the church.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. Robert Cleland recently resigned from this church and has accepted a call to the church at Walsenburg, Colorado. Following two Sundays of pulpit supply, the church has extended a unanimous call to Mr. Elmo Peterson, student at Pacific School of Religion and a graduate of Chapman College.

SAN CARLOS. There was a men's Thanksgiving banquet with 70 in attendance. Two new members were received by letter, and two by confession of faith. A large attendance was present at the community Thanksgiving service. Rev. H. J. Loken is the pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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There will be no regular Federation meeting in December.

NOV. MEETING

The November Federation meeting was well attended. Our Social Welfare Secretary reported 53 out of 68 quotas completely filled and 6 partly filled, which augurs well for everything complete by the end of the year. Our Fort Berthold Indian School at Elbowood, North Dakota, and our Lincoln Academy for Negroes, at King's Mountain, North Carolina, would be glad to receive used clothing. Piedmont College for mountain whites at Demorest, Georgia, needs 47 yards of curtaining.

Guest speaker for our Social Relations Secretary was Mr. Ernest Besig, representing the "American Civil Liberties Union," an association organized in 1920 and incorporated under the laws of New York. "It fights for freedom of speech, press, and assemblage wherever these constitutional rights are violated anywhere in the United States." As a major principle, Mr. Besig quoted Thomas Jefferson: "It is time enough for the rightful purposes of civil government for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order."

Reports from Association presidents all paid tribute to the helpfulness of their recent fall Rallies, attended by Mrs. R. A. Fuller and other Federation leaders, and by Mrs. Mary D. White of New York, who was greatly appreciated by our women.

The afternoon session of the Federation took the form of a Round Table on our foreign work, with Mrs. Ernest Evans presiding. News from many lands was brought to us, largely through letters from our American Board missionaries. For an interesting summary of this session, see your Commissioner's letter from our Corresponding Secretary. If any person or group would like to share those and other missionary letters recently received, write to Mrs. William T. Sadler, 2800 Woolsey St., Berkeley, stating preference of missionary or field.

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Our president, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, will not only attend the January Mid-Winter Meeting at Evanston, Illinois, but it is planned that she should also go to Indianapolis for the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council, and of the Council of Women for Home Missions, which will be held January 12-16. In that case our Federation annual meeting will probably be held the third Thursday in February. Definite dates will be given later. Plymouth Church, Oakland, will be the hostess church.

From the San Francisco headquarters of the Council of Women for Home Missions comes the reminder that this is the month when our migrant workers look to church women for special help. Send Christmas toys for the children (tops, balls, books, dolls, jacks, crayons, marbles, pencils, jump ropes, drawing books, autos, baby rattles, aeroplanes, carts, checkers, dominoes), before December 20, prepaid, to Miss Pearl Kay, Holland Building, Rear Annex, Fresno, California. For mothers, send mounted pictures, towels, wash cloths, dainty soaps. No gift should cost more than 15 cents. Wrap gifts gaily, and label each, indicating kind of gift and for what age boy or girl. Send clothing, prepaid, to: Mrs. Gertrude Meade, Mendota, California, or to Mrs. Opal Morgan, Dos Palos, California. Send money to Council of Women for Home Missions, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco.

THANK OFFERING

Oakland First Church women were enthusiastic over their interesting Thank Offering Service, prepared by Miss Helen Perkins and held on November 2. A few days prior, an announcement was sent to each member of the Women's League, with a small envelope for the offering. The Service began with a fine address by Dr. Pierson Parker, whose subject was "Into All the World." They then had three tableaux illustrating our threefold work. (Tillotson was purposely omitted this year.) Each tableau was prefaced by a very short talk—not over five minutes—on the work. For the Wilbur project, the speaker closed with an adaptation of the charming story of "Jade Fairy." Then the curtains were drawn, showing a room in Taiku Hospital (a Chinese screen at the back, and an iron cot), with one of the League women in nurse's costume administering medicine to a little Chinese child, while relatives and friends (three Chinese women in native costume) stood by the bed. The other two tableaux were similarly appropriate to our other projects. Then one of the Chinese women came down in front and held the collection chest for the Thank Offering; the pianist played a processional, and the women of the congregation marched down, two by two, and put their offerings in the chest, then returned to their seats and remained standing until after the Mizpah benediction.

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Martinez Church women are divided into four circles which have very outstanding names: The Pacheco Circle, Arlingtonway, Alhambra, and Escobar. Throughout the year they prepare articles for their Fall Festival, held this year on November 30. Handwork—sewing and woodwork, potted plants, Christmas cards, used books and toys, are sold in the various booths. Also, dinner is served. The money goes toward their building debt, which is now only about $900. "So with high hopes and aspirations," writes Mrs. A. Skewis, "perhaps by this time next year we may be able to have a little 'burning of the mortgage' ceremony. Then we have visions of a manse for our minister, a pipe organ for our church, and many other equipments for our work."

Rev. Frank J. Woodward, who attended our Bay Institute in October on his way back to the Philippines, will be glad to receive used books for his work: good fiction, history, biography, religious books (especially sermons, Bible commentaries, etc., for young Filipino ministers); also simple readers and similar books up to third and fourth grade, for the Moros who are learning to read. Our low book rate 1½ cents a pound applies to the Philippines. Address: Rev. Franw J. Woodward, Dansalan, Lanao, Mindanao, P. I.

Our Foreign Field Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, finds the present form of *The Missionary Herald* so attractive, so full of information, and so modest in price (only 25 cents a year), that she urges all our Federation women to work for a large number of subscriptions in every church.

The Conference office would appreciate a copy of any Thank Offering Service prepared and used by any of our groups.

Lintsing Hospital has been on the verge of closing, due to Japanese demands regarding wounded Chinese men; but arrangements have been made to continue caring for other patients, especially women and children. Miss Valley Nelson, American Board nurse, writes of her concern for Dr. Alma Cooke, who is doing the work of three persons and meeting crises magnificently, but under tremendous strain, and with no chance for vacation.

Interest in migrants and other worthwhile projects should not cause us to overlook the need of sending clothing for the Indians in Modoc County. Bundles and boxes should be sent to Mrs. Amy Jarman, Alturas, California. A few toys and other articles suitable as Christmas gifts to children might well be included.

Ten Years

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present to Mrs. Gill an armful of pink roses. Mrs. Gill made graceful response. Then Dr. Pierce presented to Dr. Gill a book, the contents of which were one hundred brand new silver dollars with which are to be bought other books or something else. Every church in the Conference had a share in that gift. Dr. Gill responded, as we all knew he would, with generous appreciation of the help he has had from his family, his office associates, the Women's Federation, trustees, pastors of churches, and many laymen. Every success and every failure of the past is to Dr. Gill an invitation to harder work still in building the Kingdom of Christ.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Rev. Charles E. Ward and closed with prayer by Judge Curtis D. Wilbur.

I think we all went home with a new assurance of the high worth of our Congregational fellowship in northern California. I know we went thinking that Harley Gill is a great friend and Jason Pierce is another.

—Thomas T. Giffen.

SINCERE THANKS

How can printed words convey the appreciation and the embarrassment which the Conference superintendent feels following the anniversary dinner on December 1. That a casual reference to the completion of ten years of service dropped in his report at the Santa Cruz Conference should be picked up and made the occasion for such a gathering was wholly unexpected, and the many expressions of good will that were made at the dinner made the superintendent feel very humble, indeed. Not for one moment can he think of them as literally true. He can only regard them as sincere and well-meaning efforts to express the sense of fellowship and affection which we all feel for each other but which are hard to put into words. It would be a sad day for our Conference if one man were to become as important as these tributes seemed to indicate. The Northern California Congregational Conference is a cooperative enterprise which is trying to do a part of the work of the churches which they cannot do singly. The superintendent and the other members of the staff are the servants of the churches. Naturally, they are happy to feel that the churches endorse what they have been seeking to do. It gives courage; it helps to renew faith; but above all, it inspires humility and gratitude—humility because those of us who are closest to the task know how much better it ought to be done, and gratitude for the privilege of working with and for this fellowship of pastors and churches.

The Conference has provided generously for the support of the superintendent, and it was wholly unnecessary that any material gift should be made. There are others in our group who need it much more. It can only be accepted as a token coming from all of our churches, and with gratitude that no church was asked or was felt called upon to do anything that would add one whit to its burdens.

It is impossible to send personal acknowledgments to all of the churches, to those who spoke so kindly, and to the many who cooperated, but special mention must be made of that "Great Heart" of Northern California, Jason Noble Pierce, who is always thinking of beautiful things to do and generously carrying them through at great personal sacrifice.

What words fail to do by way of thanks can only be done by faithful and devoted service, and that I pledge to you, relying upon the wisdom and strength which comes from above.

HARLEY H. GILL.

Attention, Sunday School Workers! In the rush of Christmas programs, don't neglect to order lesson material for January-March quarter. Delayed orders mean a delayed start for the new year.

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